



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

Director of Animal Care and Control

At its meeting held April 18, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

Hearing on proposed amendments to the County Code, Title 10 - Animals, to require that all dogs be implanted with an identifying microchip; to establish a Mandatory Spay and Neuter Program for all dogs; to increase the annual license fee for unaltered dogs from \$30 to \$60; and to increase the annual license fee for altered dogs from \$15 to \$20; also approve appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$75,000 to be offset by unanticipated revenues funded by increased dog license fees, as further described in the attached letter dated April 5, 2006 from the Director of Animal Care and Control.

All persons wishing to testify were sworn in by the Deputy Executive Officer of the Board. Marcia Mayeda, Director of Animal Care and Control testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Terri Austin, representing Cesar Millan, the Dog Whisperer, Madeline Bernstein, JoAnne Worley, Judith A. Brecka, Bruce Darin, Evelyn Steinberg, and other interested persons addressed the Board. Correspondence was presented.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Burke being absent), the Board closed the hearing and took the following actions:

1. Removed the appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$75,000 from the consideration;

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2. Approved amendments to Title 10 - Animals of the County Code as recommended by the Director of Animal Care and Control to:
 - Establish a Mandatory Spay and Neuter Program for all dogs;
 - Add a requirement that all dogs over the age of four months be implanted with an identifying microchip;
 - Amend the definition for "Hobby breeder", and add definitions for "Competition dog" and "Unaltered"; and
 - Increase the annual license fees for altered dogs from \$15 to \$20 and unaltered dogs from \$30 to \$60; and
3. Introduced, waived reading and ordered placed on the agenda of May 2, 2006 for adoption the attached ordinance entitled, "An ordinance amending Title 10 - Animals of the Los Angeles County Code, to establish a mandatory spay and neuter program for dogs; to require microchipping of dogs, and to increase fees for altered and unaltered dog licenses".

In addition, Supervisor Antonovich requested the Director of Animal Care and Control to review and report back on the feasibility of implementing a mandatory animal training course for animal law violators, comparable to existing traffic school for traffic violations.

Supervisor Knabe also requested the Director of Animal Care and Control to report back to the Board with an implementation plan on the Department's outreach and educational strategy in relation to compliance with the Mandatory Spay and Neuter Program.

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Attachments

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